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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPINGS

1. AN UNPLEASANT INCIDENT OCCURRED LAST NIGHT. PRIMINET AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN WAS RETURNING TO TOWN FROM SOUTH AND AT 5:15 P.M. JUST BEYOND SULTAN IBRAHIM RESTAURANT HE WAS FORCED OFF THE ROAD BY FOUR MEN IN A MERCEDES. THREE OF THESE MEN, WAVING KALESHNIKOVs, GOT IN HIS CAR, DROVE HIM TO A NEARBY CAMP, SLAPPED HIM AROUND, TOOK ALL HIS PAPERS, MONEY AND HIS CAR AND THREW HIM OUT OF A VEHICLE ALONG THE CORNICHE.

2. INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT REPEAT NOT WISH THIS TO BE KNOWN BUT I BELIEVE YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF THIS IN CASE IT DOES COME OUT IN THE PRESS, POSSIBLY IN A DISTORTED VERSION. FOREGOING ALSO IS AN INDICATION OF THE DEGREE TO WHICH SECURITY, LAW AND ORDER HAVE DETERIORATED IN THE LEBANON. ALSO MIGHT NOTE THAT PAPERS THIS MORNING REPORT GOVERNOR NATIONAL BANK ELIAS SARKIS' BROTHER AND FORMER DEPUTY MICHEL EDDE ALSO KIDNAPPED YESTERDAY.
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